

Mariemont Parks Advisory Board

Village of Mariemont

June 2, 2020

Present: Louise Schomburg, Joan Vago, Ruth Varner, Marcia Duval, Carrie Gray, Leah Geldbaugh

Absent: Eric Marsland, David Wuertemberger, Mary Tensing

This meeting of MPAB was again held outside on the patio of the Dilly Cafe due to the present Covid 19 and social distancing advisory. Members brought their own chairs and sat appropriately apart from each other

Village Trees:

Louise reported that the Village now has a designated tree committee that will decide what new trees to be planted or replaced around the village. We hope that they will also provide documentation for our Tree City application each year. MPAB welcomes this new committee so that we can remain focused on our responsibility of maintaining the parks.

Trees were discussed as they relate to the parks. It was noted that a very old tree that had damage done to it was removed at the corner of Wooster and Plainville.

Also during the recent heavy rains a large tree fell close to Park Lane after uprooting. The village immediately responded and had it removed.

The board members work hard in all of the parks removing fallen limbs after heavy storms.

Louise has sprayed under several trees in the Old Town area so that mowers will not have to get close to the trees.

Parks and Gardens:

The parks have all been weeded and the village has mulched everywhere. They also spread Preen down before mulching and hopefully that will make a big difference this year.

MPAB would like to request that all of the sprinklers be turned on and checked now that summer has begun.

MPAB would like the Maintenance Department to check the large pots to see if all are draining properly. The pots by Jordan Park were not draining last year and plants have not yet been planted because of that problem.

Marcia will be trimming the rose bushes around the square in the coming week.

Louise will work down in the Lagoon area if it ever dries out enough to work there.

The MPAB discussed the need to trim back invasive bushes on the hillside behind the concourse but had great reservations in doing this work ourselves. We would like to request the Maintenance Department check this area out . The hillside is a little too dangerous for our members.

MPAB also wanted to draw attention to several unsightly areas left unfinished around the corners where ODOT installed new ramp sidewalks. We hope that ODOT will be back to remedy the situation. Large roots and bare dirt surround several of the sidewalks.

Louise announced that the Old Town Square as well as her yard will be featured this year in the Cincinnati Nature Center Garden Tour. Unfortunately the Erikson's yard in Mariemont had to withdraw because of COVID 19 concerns. The Cincinnati Nature Center Garden Tour will be held all over Cincinnati and surrounding areas on June 20, 2020 and we are proud to have Mariemont represented.

The MPAB usually does not have a July meeting due to the 4th of July. An email will be sent to announce our next meeting.

Secretary,

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